

# Passion for Justice



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*Your past can either haunt you or guide you.*

I came from a background that had tragedy, pain and heartbreak. I learned to do something with it rather than let it destroy me.

I worked hard in school, immersed myself in my studies and still *served my community while struggling to survive the foster care system.*

I grew up in a community where many ended up in the criminal justice system, including my brother. When people talk about this “system”, they say that *people need a second chance. The reality is that many of us never had a first chance.*

Having witnessed firsthand the destructive impact of the criminal justice system, I became committed to help others navigate it. I worked in the Public Defenders Office in Contra Costa County helping clients develop their case and represented them in court. For the past six years, I have worked at San Quentin assisting men with life skills training and employability workshops.

In law school, I worked in the San Francisco District Attorney’s Office in their Reentry Unit, providing services for men who were incarcerated.

*I received my law degree in 2008 with an emphasis on public interest law.*

*With an intimate understanding of the social consequences of the law, I am deeply motivated to make it better.*

I am now a Program Associate at the UC Berkeley Center for Criminal Justice.